

and the Department of Justice's Office of Community Oriented Policing Services, both of which have detailed the need to strengthen relations between local communities and local law enforcement. The bill would provide grants to local governments to create local task forces on 21st century policing to bring police, representatives of the community and public officials together to identify best policing practices for local police and other ways to strengthen relations between the community and police departments. No new funds are needed. Existing funds from the Department of Justice would support local governments establishing the task forces by listing these task forces as an acceptable use of Byrne Justice Assistance Grants. Given the continuing controversy surrounding police shootings of unarmed African American men, with no solutions in sight, this bill is more timely every day.

The task forces, modeled after the federal Task Force on 21st Century Policing, would allow local communities to identify the best ways to create an effective partnership between local law enforcement and the communities they serve, while reducing crime, increasing trust and combating racial profiling. The task forces could create a partnership to implement practical policing practices acceptable to all concerned.

The creation of task forces could be an important step toward easing the tensions between local law enforcement and many communities. In addition, the task forces could serve to engage local law enforcement and local stakeholders in a transparent public problem-solving process instead of the current situation that encourages parties to choose sides.

THANKING DAVID LAURITZEN FOR HIS EFFORT TO HELP OTHERS

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 9, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the wonderful work by David Lauritzen, an eight-year-old boy from Katy, TX. He's on a mission to bring joy to children battling cancer.

David is a cancer survivor, who received treatment at various hospitals over the course of his life. That experience means he understands the pain that children fighting this disease go through. So, when his mother asked him how he wanted to commemorate Childhood Cancer Awareness Month a couple of years ago, he said that he wanted to make them smile.

Starting by collecting coins in a jar, David and his parents began the nonprofit David's Toy Project, Inc. to do just that. They have made it their mission to buy toys for kids undergoing cancer treatment and just last year raised almost \$12,000.

The light of goodness radiates through David and his family, and the smiles he brings to the faces of children shine just as bright. On behalf of the Twenty-Second Congressional District of Texas, we thank David for his courage and caring spirit that warms the hearts of others.

UYGHUR HUMAN RIGHTS POLICY ACT OF 2019

SPEECH OF

HON. ELIOT L. ENGEL

OF NEW YORK

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Tuesday, December 3, 2019

Mr. ENGEL. Mr. Speaker, I include in the RECORD an exchange of letters between me and the Chair of the Committee on Intelligence on S. 178, the Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act of 2019.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES,
COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS,
Washington, DC, December 2, 2019.

Hon. ADAM B. SCHIFF,
House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN SCHIFF: I am writing to you concerning S. 178, the Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act of 2019. I appreciate your willingness to work cooperatively on this legislation.

I acknowledge that provisions of the bill fall within the jurisdiction of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence under House Rule X, and that your Committee will forgo action on S. 178 to expedite floor consideration. I further acknowledge that the inaction of your Committee with respect to the bill does not waive any future jurisdictional claim over the matters contained in the bill that fall within your jurisdiction. I will also support the appointment of House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence conferees during any House-Senate conference convened on this legislation.

Lastly, I will ensure that our exchange of letters is included in the Congressional Record during floor consideration of the bill. Thank you again for your cooperation regarding the legislation. I look forward to continuing to work with you as the measure moves through the legislative process.

Sincerely,

ELIOT L. ENGEL,
Chairman.

HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES, PERMANENT SELECT COMMITTEE ON INTELLIGENCE,
Washington, DC, December 6, 2019.

Hon. ELIOT ENGEL,
Chairman, Committee on Foreign Affairs, House of Representatives, Washington, DC.

DEAR CHAIRMAN ENGEL: I write in reply to your letter of December 2, 2019, regarding S. 178—legislation referred in the House as the Uyghur Human Rights Policy Act, and passed on the House floor as amended as the Uyghur Intervention and Global Humanitarian Unified Response Act of 2019.

Provisions of S. 178 fall within the jurisdiction of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence ("Committee"), as set forth by House Rule X.

Nevertheless, the Committee worked with the Committee on Foreign Affairs to ensure the legislation's expeditious consideration on the House floor—but without waiving any potential jurisdictional claims as to subjects addressed by S. 178.

I am grateful for our continuing work together, on this and other important measures regarding human rights and other matters. I very much look forward to S. 178's swift enactment into law.

Sincerely,

ADAM B. SCHIFF,
Chairman.

HONORING MAYOR PRO-TEM
ROGER HAAS FOR 22 YEARS OF
SERVICE TO THE CITY OF
KANNAPOLIS

HON. RICHARD HUDSON

OF NORTH CAROLINA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 9, 2019

Mr. HUDSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Mayor Pro-Tem Roger Haas for 22 years of public service to the City of Kannapolis, located in North Carolina's Eighth Congressional District.

Over the years, Roger has played an instrumental role in shaping the history of Kannapolis. He was first elected to the Kannapolis City Council in 1997 and retires today as Mayor Pro-Tem. Admired by his colleagues, Roger has twice been appointed as Mayor Pro-Tem due to his innovative vision for our community.

Roger has led a career of distinction and is an effective, prolific leader. He has served on the boards of the Kannapolis Rotary Club, American Red Cross, Kannapolis Chamber of Commerce, United Way, Concord-Kannapolis Transit Authority; and as the Cabarrus County Tourism Authority Chair, Partners for Progress Chair, and Cabarrus County Planning & Zoning Commission Chair.

During his tenure with the Kannapolis City Council, Roger worked tirelessly to construct the Kannapolis Train Station, North Carolina Research Campus, Albemarle waterline, and Kannapolis City Hall & Police Headquarters. More recently, he has been a key figure in the redevelopment of downtown Kannapolis and due to his leadership, the Kannapolis Cannon Ballers Sports & Entertainment Venue will open next year.

An extraordinary public servant, Roger has guided Kannapolis through a period of unpredicted growth. I know I speak for everyone in our community when I say we are truly grateful for his unwavering service and cannot thank him enough. I would like to offer my sincerest appreciation and wish him success in his future endeavors.

Madam Speaker, please join me today in honoring Mayor Pro-Tem Roger Haas for his 22 years of public service to our community.

JACK LEE BRINGS AMERICA INTO THE INTERNATIONAL ASTRONOMY OLYMPIAD

HON. PETE OLSON

OF TEXAS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Monday, December 9, 2019

Mr. OLSON. Madam Speaker, I rise today to commend Seven Lakes High School sophomore Jack Lee for helping organize the United States' first team to the International Astronomy Olympiad.

Jack went above and beyond to be able to take part in the Olympiad. When he learned that the United States did not have a team to field for the competition, Jack took the bull by the horns and contacted Rice University to organize one. His goal was to start a trend so that future teams would represent the United States in the Olympiads for years to come.

With incredible determination and drive, Jack—with help from team leader and Rice